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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 15529 ACTION LAGOS INFO KADUNA 22 JAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, NI

SUBJECT: UNCONFIRMED NIGERIAN AIR ACTIVITY

1. AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION WORKER CONTACTED DEPARTMENT JANUARY 20 AT SUGGESTION OF SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE TO REPORT THAT HE SAW AS MANY AS ONE HUNDRED MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT KANO AIRPORT JANUARY 15-16. SOURCE, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE VISITED KANO AIRPORT SEVERAL TIMES DURING DECEMBER-JANUARY WITHOUT SEEING ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY, SAYS MANY OF THE AIRCRAFT ON JANUARY 13-15 WERE BEING UNCOVERED AND SERVICED.

2. ARTICLE BY DREW MIDDLETON ENTITLED QUOTE SOVIET FOOTHOLD (IN WEST AFRICA) IS WORRYING NATO UNQUOTE IN NEW YORK TIMES JANUARY 19 ALLEGES THAT QUOTE SOVIET MILITARY PENETRATION OF NIGERIA (SHIPMENT OF MIG- 21'S AND USE OF LAGOS AND OTHER NIGERIAN PORTS FOR SHIPS OF THE  
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SOVIET'S SOUTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON) STRIKES MANY NATO

PLANNING AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS AS MORE DANGEROUS TO  
THE WEST IN THE LONG RUN THAN SOVIET MOVES IN ANGOLA  
AND GUINEA. UNQUOTE.

3. FOREGOING ITEMS FOR ANY COMMENT YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE.

4. FYI, SOURCE OF INFO CONTAINED PAR 1 WORKED SIX WEEKS  
FOR JONES CONSTRUCTION CO. IN KADUNA BUT QUIT LAST WEEK  
IN DISSATISFACTION OVER PAY, HOUSING, JOB MATERIALS,  
FAILURE OF NIGERIAN EMPLOYER TO REGULARIZE VISA, ETC.

5. WE HAVE TRIED TO CHECK ORIGIN OF MIDDLETON ARTICLE,  
THUS FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS. NATO COUNCIL WAS SCHEDULED  
TO DISCUSS ANGOLA JAN. 19, BUT DISCUSSION POSTPONED.  
NEXT OCCASION WHEN ANGOLA MAY COME UP WILL BE JAN. 23. WE DO

NOT KNOW OF ANY NATO STAFF WORK UNDERWAY ON POSSIBLE  
SOVIET ROLE IN NIGERIA.

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